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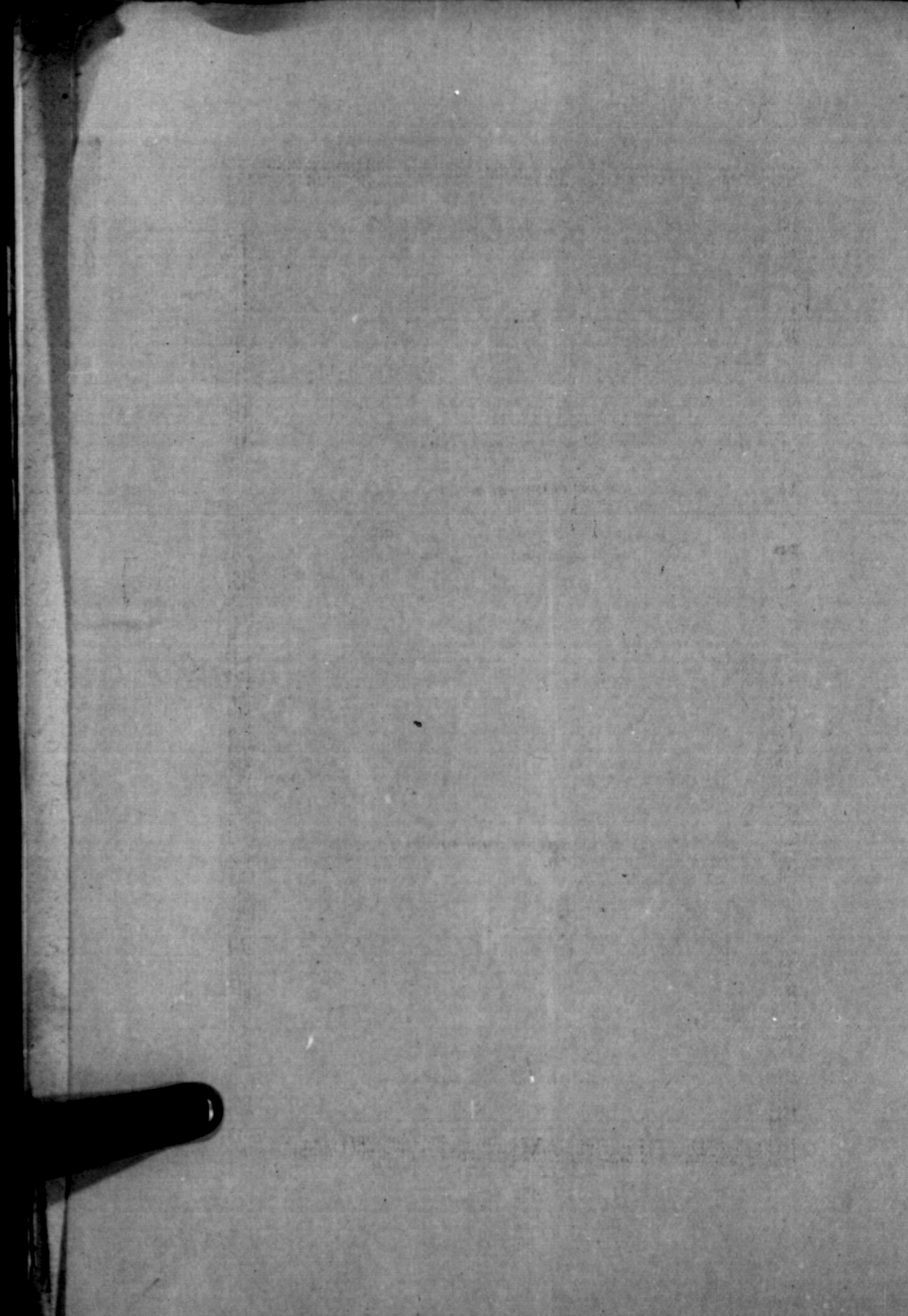
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The thirty-first annual session of the Tombigbee Baptist Association met with Salem Church Saturday, October 17, 1914. The congregation came together by singing, and the appointed Introductory preacher being absent, and the alternate not feeling able to preach the sermon, on motion by Eld J. F. Benson, that Eld. J. A. Conwell preach the Introductory Sermon. After a song the sermon, which was ably delivered, on Salvation, based on Acts 16:30. Prayer by Eld. J. F. Benson. Adjournment taken for refreshments.

At 1:45 the messengers assembled and a good song sung, followed by prayer led by Eld. W. D. Page. The Moderator being absent, Bro. S. Mayhall was selected Moderator pro tem., who took his seat and the business of the convention was taken up.

The Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: A. G. W. Byram, Walter Wood and S. M. Weatherford.

Brethren J. T. Page and W. J. Prestridge were appointed reading clerks. Letters from the churches composing the Association were called for. The letters were read and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

FAIRVIEW—D. W. Graham, Walter Wood, J. C. Graham, W. O. Wood, alt.

BELMONT—A. G. W. Byram, G. G. Skinner.

JACKSON CAMP—J. D. Long.

PROSPECT—J. J. Harbin, J. W. Mann.

SALEM—W. M. Weeks, S. T. Beam and D. H. Beam.

UNION GROVE—W. T. McNeece.

LIBERTY GROVE—W. J. Prestridge, E. M. Young and M. Robison.

GOLDEN—G. W. Yarber, J. N. Osbern.

HOPEWELL—Eld. J. A. Conwell, L. L. McKenny, A. Bullin.

ANTIOCH—J. T. Hall, S. A. Mayhall, J. S. Mayhall.

BETHANY—W. J. Brown, Eld. J. F. Benson, J. J. Underwood.

BETHLEHEM—J. C. Montgomery, W. P. Gray.

PLEASANT RIDGE—D. J. Stevens, J. C. Stevens and J. J. Stevens.

PROVIDENCE—Eld. A. M. Nix, W. R. Grimes and F. Killingsworth.

SHILOH—C. A. Cleveland, J. A. Pugh, J. T. Page.

HIGHLAND—W. W. Leatherwood, D. G. Franks, J. A. Blunt.

MT. PLEASANT—Eld. J. T. Robinson, W. G. Jarrel, T. J. Wilmon.

BETHEL—W. R. Sample, G. W. Digby, alt.

SANDY SPRINGS—S. W. Butler, Wm. Thomas, M. Spencer.
S. M. Weatherford, alt.

UNION—E. L. Cain.

Brethren M. Robison, J. K. P. Scott and the deacons of Salem Church were appointed Devotional Committee.

Brethren J. K. P. Scott and J. M. Kennedy being present without a letter, were seated by move and second as messengers from Pleasant Grove Church; also Eld. W. D. Page from Bethlehem; M. B. Waddle, Will Moore and Jas. Moore from Red Bud.

Call for Petitionary Letters, and one was received from Zion and the following messengers were given the right hand of welcome by the Moderator: Joseph Barton, Selmer Grissom and Floyd Grissom.

On motion, S. Mayhall, Moderator pro tem., and S. T. Graham, Clerk, be retained as officers for the next year.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk arrange the lists of Committees and a list handed to the Chairman of each, Sunday after service.

Devotional Committee report that Eld. A. M. Nix preach at 7:30 followed by Eld. J. W. Davis. The messengers were assigned homes and adjournment taken to 8:30 a. m. Monday.

SATURDAY NIGHT

According to Committee arrangement, Eld. A. M. Nix occupied the stand and ably delivered a discourse on "God's Love for the World," based on John 3:16 as a text. Followed by Elds. J. W. Davis and W. D. Page, and was enjoyed by all the saints present.

SUNDAY MORNING

A good song service was engaged in by all the singers present and there being such a vast concourse of people present, the seats were moved to the grove and the preaching service introduced by reading portions of Scripture recorded by Matthew, Luke and John for a lesson and text for the Missionary Sermon. Prayer led by Eld. J. A. Conwell, after which an edifying and instructive sermon was delivered by Eld. J. F. Benson.

Eld. J. T. Robinson asked for a contribution for Associational Missions and \$20.10 was given.

The Devotional Committee reported that Elds. J. A. Conwell and A. M. Nix preach at Liberty and Elds. G. W. Guntharp and W. D. Page preach at Salem tonight, and Eld. J. T. Robinson preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

At the close of the service a list of the Committees was handed

to the Chairman of each, as follows:

Baptist Literature—Eld. J. F. Benson, J. T. Page, J. J. Harbin.
 Missions—Eld. J. A. Conwell, Geo. Digby, W. R. Sample.
 Church Discipline—Eld. J. W. Dayis, T. J. Wilemon, D. W. Graham.
 Temperance—Eld. J. T. Robinson, E. L. Cain, Walter Wood.
 Sunday Schools—E. M. Young, Will Moore, S. W. Butler.
 Sacred Music—J. C. Graham, A. M. Nix, M. Robison.
 Education—A. M. Nix, W. M. Weeks, G. W. Yarber.
 Orphans' Home—D. W. Graham, J. T. Page, J. C. Stevens.
 Obituaries—J. K. P. Scott, W. G. Jarrell, T. J. Wilemon.
 Destitution—M. B. Waddle, Marshall Spencer, G. W. Digby.
 Ministerial Support—Eld. W. D. Page, E. S. Pleasant, W. R. Grimes.
 Nominations—C. A. Cleveland, G. W. Yarber, J. M. Kennedy.

SUNDAY NIGHT

A very able discourse was delivered by Eld. J. A. Conwell at Liberty, on "The Two Covenants," with emphasis on the new, and quite a number came to the altar for prayer, which was offered by S. T. Graham, after which Eld. A. M. Nix gave some timely warning to the unbelievers.

At Salem Elds. G. W. Guntharp and W. D. Page conducted a grand service, and a great sermon was preached based on Ps. 66:5 as a text.

MONDAY MORNING

At 8:45 the house was called to order. A good song was sung and the Moderator read the 12th chapter of Romans for a lesson, and Eld. A. L. Anderson offered the morning prayer, after which the business of the convention was taken up as follows:

Called for detained letters, but none were received.

On motion Eld. G. W. Guntharp was seated as a messenger from New Home Church. Any visiting brethren who are here or may come are invited to seats with us in this convention.

Called for reports of Committees when business of the morning was dispensed with.

The report on Sunday Schools was read as follows:

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the following: We find from the reading of the letters from the various churches that about all of our churches have Sunday Schools, for which we are very thankful to God. Brethren, it is needless for us to argue the importance of Sunday Schools or the duty of promot-

ing their establishment or increasing their efficiency in every legitimate way. The Sunday School is a great missionary to the future; while our other benevolent agencies relate primarily to the present, this goes to meet and bless the generation that is coming, to win them from ignorance and sin; to train future laborers, when our places shall know us no more. Sunday Schools tend to direct increasing attention to the Bible, to elevate the ministry, to train young ministers, to build up churches in destitute places, to foster the missionary spirit, to increase both our capacity and our willingness for every good work; and therefore we urge a deeper interest to be taken in Sunday Schools in the future, than we have in the past. Respectfully submitted. E. M. YOUNG, Chairman.

Received, discussed by Elds. A. M. Nix, J. F. Benson, W. D. Page, A. L. Anderson, J. A. Conwell, Bros. D. W. Graham, D. J. Stevens, E. M. Young, L. L. McKinney and A. G. W. Byram, and unanimously adopted.

Sacred Music

We your Committee on Sacred Music beg to report as follows: Sacred music is made by God's children, writing songs through the influence of the Holy Spirit from the word of God, and also singing the same with the spirit and understanding. David said, "Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant and praise is comely." Submitted.

J. C. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Received and spoken to by J. C. Graham, Eld. J. A. Conwell, T. C. Cleveland, Eld. J. T. Robinson, Eld. J. F. Benson and S. T. Graham, and adopted.

Adjournment was taken for preaching and refreshments.

The preaching service was introduced by songs followed by reading the 6th chapter of Hebrews as a lesson. Prayer led by Eld. W. D. Page. A very able discourse was delivered by Eld. J. T. Robinson, on the theme, "Security of God's Children," based on the lesson read.

After partaking of a bountiful dinner, which was much enjoyed by all, the convention re-assembled and proceeded with the business of the Association.

The Devotional Committee reported that Elds. A. M. Nix and J. W. Davis preach at Salem and Elds. J. A. Conwell and G. W. Guntharp preach at Liberty.

Reports of Committees were called for and the following received.

Education

We your Committee on Education report as follows: We believe our people should be better educated and trained so they may be better prepared for the things of life; that their minds and hearts may be turned to the love of God. We urge people to send their children to Baptist schools, read the Bible to the children at home, that they may know more about God. Let us do all we can to educate our boys and girls. May God help us to do this thing. Respectfully submitted.

A. M. NIX, Chairman.

Report amended by recommending the Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., for boys, and Blue Mountain Female College, Blue Mountain, Miss., for girls. Report received and discussed by Eld. J. F. Benson and adopted.

Missions

We your Committee on Missions report the following: We believe it to be our duty to convey the gospel to the world as God has directed in his word. We also believe that it should be carried by Baptists, as they alone contend for the whole truth. Christ came to seek and save the lost, and gave the gospel as a means to bring lost sinners to a saving knowledge of him. Therefore we believe in the organized work and recommend to the churches that they co-operate with the same for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost. Respectfully submitted. J. A. CONWELL, Chairman.

Received and discussed by Eld. J. A. Conwell, Eld. W. D. Page, Eld. J. F. Benson and S. T. Graham, and the following resolution was with the report adopted: "Resolved, That each pastor and messenger of the churches urge each member to contribute 10 cents per quarter or 40 cents per year for Associational Missions, and that each pastor appoint as many as he thinks best to collect this amount and send to each Fifth Sunday Meeting. Resolved, further, that each Fifth Sunday Meeting be made a mission meeting and that the Executive Committee meet at each session.

Baptist Literature

We your Committee on Baptist Literature report as follows: 1st. We recommend the reading of sound Baptist religious literature published by Baptist publishing houses, and the Bible to be the standard by which this is to be judged. We recommend The Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Miss. 2nd. For Sunday School work we recommend the Southern Baptist literature published by the

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Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. BENSON, Chairman.

J. T. PAGE, Secretary.

Received and discussed by Elds. W. D. Page, J. F. Benson and J. A. Conwell, and adopted.

Temperance

We your Committee on Temperance beg to report the following: We believe intemperance to be the matchless evil, and as to the use of strong drink, we urge total abstinence. Respectfully submitted.

J. T. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Received and spoken to by Eld. J. T. Robinson, J. F. Benson, D. J. Stevens, and A. G. W. Byram, who made a motion that carried, that the Moderator and Clerk write a resolution to our representative in Congress and each Senator, asking them to do all in their power to get a law enacted to stop the shipping of intoxicating drink into dry territory. By this power granted the following resolution was written: Realizing that the use of intoxicating drink of any kind is an evil without an equal, and its excessive use should be totally prohibited, we, the Tombigbee Baptist Association in convention assembled, empower our Moderator and Clerk to ask your consideration of such a resolution as they see proper to submit. The following was submitted: Resolved, That you in our behalf, lend your voices, votes and influences to the enactment of some law to prohibit the shipping of intoxicating drink into our State.

Leave of absence was granted the following: W. T. McNeece, J. D. Long, W. A. Butler, J. W. Mann, W. J. Prestridge, E. M. Young and M. Robison.

On motion we adjourn to 8:30 a. m. Tuesday.

MONDAY NIGHT

In the absence of both the appointees to preach at Liberty, the appointment was filled by Bro. L. L. McKinney, who read the third chapter of John for a lesson, and the 16th verse was used as a text. A great interest was again manifested.

At Salem a good sermon was delivered by Eld. A. M. Nix, using Romans 5:18 as a text.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 the Association came together by singing; prayer offered by Eld. W. D. Page. As the Moderator had not arrived, and on motion Eld. J. A. Conwell was elected Moderator pro tem. until

Moderator came in. Call for Committee reports as follows:

Ministerial Support

We your Committee don't believe the work is just what it could be. We believe when God impresses a man to preach his gospel, setting his salary at a living, and he does the preaching, the laity should see that his living is provided amply. Furthermore, we do not believe the Lord is slack concerning his work as some men count slackness. Furthermore, we do believe that if the several churches would look more carefully after the ministerial affairs, the church would be much more abundantly blessed. Submitted.

E. S. PLEASANT, Chairman.

Received and discussed by Eld. W. D. Page, D. J. Stevens, W. W. Leatherwood, A. G. W. Byram, E. L. Cain, Elds. J. F. Benson and J. A. Conwell, and adopted.

Orphans' Home

Your Committee on Orphans' Home report the following: Realizing the great opportunity to support an institution founded by the God of the widow and orphan through the instrumentality of his people (Prov. 19:17, James 1:27), brethren, do we realize the importance of this work? Can we feel and see why this Home is necessary? It supplies a father's care and protection, a mother's soothing hand to fevered brows, her ever sympathizing ear to little tales of woe. It makes capable and useful citizens out of those who, otherwise, would be a burden on the State. It gives mental, physical and religious training, thereby giving to the State men and women fully equipped to do their part in the great work of elevating the standard of citizenship, in society and church, who without this advantage would fill our almshouses and our jails. Help them. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Received and spoken to by Elds. J. F. Benson, W. W. Leatherwood, and D. W. Graham, and adopted. A contribution was voluntarily given, amounting to \$3.20.

Obituaries

Your Committee on Obituaries report, that according to the letters from the various churches, we find the following deaths have occurred in our bounds: W. W. Yarber and T. J. Selby, Belmont; Sister Emiline Duncan, Hopewell; Sister Martha S. Page, Bethlehem; G. W. Anthony, Mt. Pisgah; D. T. Sherrel, Sandy Springs; Sister Susan Fikes, Mt. Zion; Sister Frankie Young, Liberty Grove; Sister W. S. Pugh, Shiloh; Sister S. S. Jackson, Anti-

och; Sisters Lucile Lessenberry and Cleo Benson, Providence; L. E. Payne, Wm. Holcomb, Bethel; Sister Angeline Harrison, Prospect; Sister Lida Pitts, Bethany. Last year we lost fifteen and the same number this year. Death being abroad in the land and claims for its victims the old and young alike, prepared and unprepared; not knowing when the summons will be executed upon us, we trust that all may be ready for it when it comes. Grieve not for them as for those who have no hope. Submitted.

J. K. P. SCOTT, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

Destitution

We your Committee on Destitution ask to report as follows. We find the following places destitute: In Itawamba County—Turon in the 4th District, Liberty and Mt. Gilead in the 1st District, and Sulphur Springs in the 5th District. In Tishomingo County—Cotton Springs and Mineral Springs, Mingo and Alsboro. Submitted.

M. B. WADDLE, Chairman.

Executive Committee First District

We your Executive Committee of the First District of the Tombigbee Baptist Association ask to submit this, our annual report:

Balance on hand, 1913.....	\$ 6 25
Received of Treasurer	23 27

Total receipts	\$29 52
Pd. on pastor's salary at Pleasant Ridge Church....	\$15 00

Balance on hand	\$14 52
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Submitted.

R. T. SENTER, President.

S. T. GRAHAM, Secretary.

Executive Committee Second District

Having done no mission work this year in the Second District, we report the amount on hand, which is \$19.50.

A. G. W. BYRAM, President.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

Received at Association 1913:

Minute Fund	\$26 35
Foreign Missions	16 00
Orphans' Home	3 10
Associational Missions, First District	33 77

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Associational Missions, Second District	7 82	
Total to be accounted for	\$87 04	
Disbursements:		
Foreign Missions	\$16 00	
Orphans' Home	3 10	
Clerk's Fee	16 00	
Printing Minutes	17 00	
Express and Hauling Minutes	2 00	
A. G. W. Byram, Missions Second District.....	4 67	
Postage	5 00	
Executive Committee, First District.....	23 27	
Total Disbursements	\$87 04	\$87 04
Balance on hand		\$00 00
Respectfully submitted.		

S. T. GRAHAM Clerk and Treasurer.

Nominations

We your Committee on Nominations beg to make the following report: We find Providence, Mt. Zion and Bethany asking for the next Association. Eld. J. T. Robinson to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. A. M. Nix, Alternate. Eld. J. F. Benson to preach the Missionary Sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock; Eld. J. A. Conwell, Alternate. Respectfully submitted.

C. A. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

The messengers from Mt. Pleasant ask for the Association in person and on motion that church was placed in nomination. Report received and a rising vote taken, and Providence received a vast majority of the votes and on motion was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting in 1915.

Church Discipline

We your Committee ask to report. We believe that the great hindering cause to progress in church work, to the growth of Christianity and to the salvation of souls, can be traced to slack methods of church discipline in our churches. The world's opinion of the church and Christianity is based on the lives of professed Christians, and the church loses respect of the world when it retains in its fellowship members who walk disorderly. 2nd Thess. 3:6, 11. We also believe that the church should withdraw from a member who habitually indulges in dram drinking with the unconverted. We further

believe that we should withdraw from those who are able and will not support the ministry. Submitted. J. W. DAVIS, Chmn.

Report received and adopted.

Finance Committee

We your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Minute Fund	\$23 33
Foreign Missions	2 25
Orphans' Home	3 50
Associational Missions First District	17 46
Associational Missions Second District	90
Contribution Sunday	20 10
Total	\$67 54

A. G. W. BYRAM, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

A contribution amounting to \$3.76 was given to Eld. W. D. Page to aid him in defraying the expenses incurred by the sickness and death of his wife.

On motion, Bro. S. Mayhall, S. T. Graham, J. G. Wood, Eld. J. A. Conwell and L. A. Bookout were appointed to serve as Executive Committee in the First District during the year 1915.

Also that A. G. W. Byram, G. W. Yarber, Eld. J. M. Harrison, E. L. Cain, S. A. Trim serve in the same capacity in the Second District for the next year.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$16.00 for his services and that he superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this Association.

The Devotional Committee reports that Eld. J. F. Benson preach at 11 o'clock.

Resolution of Thanks

Since we have been meeting, in this Association, with Salem Church, which has been great, we feel that our coming together has not been in vain, for we know that God has been with us. Our meeting with this church will ever be a green spot in our memories. Therefore be it resolved, That we extend our many thanks to this good people for their kind hospitalities shown us while in their midst, enjoying the fruits of their kindness and the rich blessings of Him who is able to bless. May we meet up yonder in that great Association, where we will be separated no more while eternity lasts. Submitted.

Adopted.

CLERK.

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On motion the body stood adjourned to meet with Providence Church Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1915. Also that a song be sung and all take the parting hand at close of preaching service.

S. MAYHALL, Moderator.

S. T. GRAHAM, Clerk and Treasurer.

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Statistical Table of Tombigbee Baptist Association

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter..	Restored.....	Died	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.....	Membership.....	Minute Fund	Orphans' Home....	Foreign Missions...	Association Missions.	Pastor's Salary....
FIRST DISTRICT												
Bethany	10	7		1		2	99	\$ 1 55		\$ 1 00	\$ 50	\$ 33 00
Hopewell	2						53	1 10				73 60
Mt. Moriah A							81	1 43			3 25	
Mt. Pisgah			2	1	4		54	60				
Union Grove							100	1 75				
Mt. Pleasant	6						81	1 50			40	
Providence	1	2		2	4	1	83	1 05	1 00	1 25	1 25	50 00
Fairview	3	1		1			89	1 30			80	31 50
Sandy Springs	8						86	1 50				31 75
Pleasant Grove B							42	60				
New Home A							69	1 00			1 26	40 00
Liberty Grove	3			1			20	1 00				26 00
Shiloh							864	\$15 53	\$ 1 60	\$ 2 25	\$ 17 46	\$398 85
Mt. Zion C	1				2		46	60				7 30
Fulton A	3			1	2		126	1 10				18 75
Pleasant Ridge	3						68	1 00			40	30 00
Zion								75				
TOTALS	36	14	2	7	18	8						
SECOND DISTRICT												
Antioch	7	1		1	2	35	46	60				
Salem	1	2					126	1 10				
Union	3	3	3		6		68	1 00				
Red Bud A								75				
Bethel								1 00				
Prospect	1	1		1			21	60				
Bethlehem	5			1	1		50	1 00	50			
Belmont	2	5		2	2	1	118	85			30	16 00
Golden	1			2			46	50				150 00
Jackson Camp	1						57	75				80 00
Mt. Pleasant No. 2 A					1		20	1 50	2 00			19 00
Highland	1	4			2							50 00
TOTALS	21	16	3	5	14	37	552	9 65	2 50		90	371 05

A—Not represented.

R—Represented, but no letter

Letter received, but not represented.

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